

**Remarks**

**Allowable Subject Matter**

Claims 8, 17, 33, 39 and 40 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 7, 9, 31 and 32 if rewritten to overcome 35 U.S.C. § 112 objections and set out in independent form.

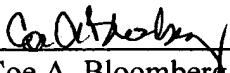
Independent claims 1 and 23 have been rewritten in order to incorporate the limitations of claims found allowable and so as to obviate the § 112 objections made by the Examiner. Claims 5-7 and 29 have been cancelled.

Allowance of claims 1-4, 8-28 and 33-45, as amended, is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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